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Final Defendant Convicted in 2013 Columbus Murder of Steven Jorgensen

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced Eric Henry, 31, of Columbus was convicted by jury in Platte County District Court for the 2013 murder of Steven Jorgensen, 51. Henry was found guilty of one count each of first degree murder (Class IA felony), conspiracy to commit robbery (Class II felony) and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony (Class II felony). Henry faces a mandatory life sentence for the murder charge. Sentencing is scheduled for May 20, 2014.

“Steven Jorgensen was stabbed to death while trying to defend himself against a robbery,” said Bruning. “Today’s conviction ensures all of those responsible for his death will be held accountable.”

Henry is one of three individuals charged with murdering Jorgensen and the only one to stand trial. In March, Kim Henderson of Columbus pleaded guilty to one count of second degree murder. She faces a possible life sentence for the Class IB felony. In December 2013, Quentin Critser of Lincoln also pleaded guilty to one count of second degree murder in the 2013 stabbing.

Columbus police reported the three defendants agreed to go to Jorgensen’s home to rob him, and all three were present in the residence when the robbery turned violent and the victim began resisting. Jorgensen’s death was caused by multiple stab wounds.

Solicitor General James D. Smith and Assistant Attorney General Sandra Allen handled the case.

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